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SUBJECT: CODEL BENNETT'S MEETING WITH BENAZIR BHUTTO

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

- [¶1.](#) (C) Summary. With Codel Bennett November 30, Benazir Bhutto indicated she will participate in the January 8 general elections but asked for
[¶2.](#) (C) Ambassador, Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), Congressman David Dreier (R-CA), Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) and Congressman Joe Wilson R-SC
[¶3.](#) (C) Bhutto thanked the USG for its support of free, fair and transparent elections in Pakistan and provided her views on the current securi
[¶4.](#) (C) Bhutto said she was pleased that President Musharraf had announced a date for lifting the State of Emergency and restoring the constitut
[¶5.](#) (C) On the proposed boycott of opposition political parties, Bhutto said that he has spoken several times to Pakistan Muslim League-N leade
[¶6.](#) (C) Senator Corker expressed appreciation for Pakistan's efforts in fighting terrorism and promised to raise with President Musharraf our s
[¶7.](#) (C) Congressman Dreier agreed that we wanted free and fair elections--he had seen some progress and would support a robust International Re
[¶8.](#) (C) Congressman Issa reiterated support for improving the electoral process but said that in reality there will be widespread voter fraud.
[¶9.](#) (C) Congressman Wilson noted that he had participated in elections observation in Bulgaria and had learned the importance of adequate train
[¶10.](#) (C) On her relationship with President Musharraf, Bhutto noted there were two fault lines in Pakistan: dictatorship vs. democracy and mode
[¶11.](#) (C) Codel Bennett did not clear this message.

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